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REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 11, and 13-22 are pending in the present application. Claims 7, 10 and 12 are cancelled. Claims 1, 19, and 21 are amended. No additional claims fee is believed to be due.

Rejection Under 35 USC §103(a) Over Roe in view of Vega

Claims 1 - 22 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Roe in view of Vega. However, said rejection is no longer applicable in light of the amendments made to independent Claims 1, 19, and 21. Particularly, neither reference teaches the use of an insoluble, hydrophobic rheological agent from the group as claimed by these independent claims.

Conclusion

This response represents an earnest effort to place the present application in proper form and to distinguish the invention as claimed from the applied reference(s). In view of the foregoing, entry of the amendment(s) presented herein, reconsideration of this application, and allowance of the pending claim(s) are respectfully requested.

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